

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 12, 15-17 and 22 have been rejected. Claims 3, 5, 6 and 21 have been objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable in independent form. With this amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 10, and 15 have been amended in order to further define the invention. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 12, 15-17 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kendall, U.S. Patent No. 3,692,330. Claims 3, 5, 6 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendall, U.S. Patent No. 3,692,330 and Freedman et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,398,302.

It is respectfully submitted that the Kendall reference cannot anticipate nor teach or suggest the present invention as claimed, alone or in view of Freedman. Independent claim 1 claims at least two guide rails each having a slotted track. Each slotted track comprises a height adjustment slot, such as 104 shown in Figs. 6, 7, 8 and at least two separate and distinct arm slots such as reference numbers 106 shown in Figs. 6, 7 and 8. As claimed, the arm slots are connected to extend outwardly a predetermined distance away from the height adjustment slot and away from the rear edge of the guide member. Moreover, it is claimed that each arm slot terminates at an end portion within the guide rail toward a front edge of the guide member, such as at end portion 108 as also illustrated in Figs. 6, 7 and 8. The Kendall reference does not anticipate nor teach or suggest a slotted track having a height adjustment slot as well as two separate and distinct arm slots! At most, the space between guide rails 26 and 27 can be considered a height adjustment slot. There are no arm slots extending from the height adjustment slot. Even if apertures 28 were considered arm slots, the same do not terminate at an end portion within each guide rail as claimed, as apertures 28 are open to both the front and the back side of guide rails 26 and 27.

In order to further distinguish the invention, the slotted track has been further defined as having a "comb configuration". For example, as illustrated in Figs. 6, 7, 8 9a, 9b and 10, height adjustment slot 104 is a "backbone" of the comb and arm slots 106 extend outwardly from the height adjustment slot and form "tines" of the comb. As described within the specification, such arm slots can have various configurations as

desired, see Fig. 8 for non-limiting examples of different arm slot configurations. The Kendall reference cannot anticipate nor teach or suggest the claimed comb configuration.

Independent claims 10 and 15 have also been amended in a manner analogous to independent claim 1 and also cannot be anticipated nor taught or suggested by the references.

Accordingly, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance a Notice of such is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns regarding this response, a telephone call to the undersigned would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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